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### **Container of Cabbage Found with Aphids Treated**

BARRIGADA, GUAM – The Customs and Quarantine Agency's (CQA) BioSecurity Task Force (BSTF) treated 180 cases of cabbage arriving from South Korea after the presence of larvae and aphids were found at inspection.

The container was initially inspected on Tuesday, May 29, 2018, by CQA's Maritime Container Freight Station (CFS) team of two. The team inspected, intercepted, collected and referred the samples to the BSTF. CQA, in collaboration with the Guam Department of Agriculture, determined them to be the larvae of a Coccinellidae (Ladybird or Ladybug), which is non-actionable, as well as aphids, which are small sap-sucking insects.



Container of cabbage is prepared for fumigation treatment.

While it is not uncommon for Customs officials to find either of these specimens within produce imports, CQA officials placed a hold on the container awaiting determination from the USDA on appropriate action to treat/eradicate the aphids as the container arrived from a foreign port.

The importing consignee was given the option to treat, destroy or re-export the container back to its port of origin and they opted to treat. Seven pounds of methyl bromide was used to fumigate the container for a period of two hours until customs officials no longer found live aphids within.

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